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NEWS RELEASE - COVID-19 (Coronavirus) #8 City of Lauderhill Warns Residents about COVID-19 Scams

Lauderhill, FL - **March 22, 2020** - **8:00 AM** - The City of Lauderhill Officials, Administrative Staff, and Emergency Operations Officials ask residents to be mindful of scams surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The FBI has warned the City of Lauderhill of a significant spike in coronavirus related scams.

- -DO NOT use any links involving messages, via email and/or text message, that states you will receive **stimulus money** by completing the 2020 Census online.
- -DO NOT open your door to people dressed in lab coats and masks saying they are from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). If this occurs, do not let them in or share any personal identification and call the police immediately. Officials from Federal, State, County and Municipal agencies will have a way of properly identifying themselves to you.

Be aware of common scams being reported around the nation to include:

- Individuals and businesses selling fake cures for COVID-19 online.
- Emails from imposters posing as the World Health Organization or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Malware (software intentionally designed to cause damage) being inserted onto mobile apps designed to track the spread of the virus.
- Price gouging.

To report price gouging or COVID-19 scams, call 1-866-9NO-SCAM or visit MyFloridaLegal.com.

City Staff can answer questions electronically at www.lauderhill-fl.gov/contactus. You may also leave a message at 954-739-0100 and staff will return phone calls.

All City related COVID-19 information is available at www.lauderhill-fl.gov/covid19.